GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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MONITORING AGENCY IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any central agency to monitor the working of companies engaged in the generation and distribution of power both in public and private sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of irregularities which have come to the notice of the agency against these companies during the last three years and the number of cases disposed of during the period; and

(d) the action taken against these companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 83 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2009 REGARDING MONITORING AGENCY IN POWER SECTOR.

(a) & (d) : No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Power has set up a Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP) in April 2008, to monitor implementation of power projects targeted for commissioning in the 11th Plan. Besides this, monitoring of power projects is also carried out by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

(i) Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP): As a follow up to the decision in the Conference of Chief Ministers held on May 28th, 2007 the Ministry of Power has set up a `Power Project Monitoring Panel` (PPMP) in April 2008 for monitoring of Thermal and Hydro Generation Projects targeted for commissioning in the 11th Plan along with the associated transmission schemes. The PPMP at present comprises of five independent project monitoring consultants. Each consultant is given specific projects. The individual consultants make visits to the project sites and furnish their progress report which is compiled by the Coordinating Consultant and submitted to Secretary (Power) along with the Exception Report. The progress of implementation of the projects is accordingly reviewed by the Secretary (Power) on the basis of the reports received from the Monitoring Panel.

(ii) Monitoring by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) : The CEA has a nodal officer associated with each on going project who continuously monitors the progress at site through frequent visits and continuous interaction. The respective nodal officer is responsible for submitting a report on the progress of each of the on-going power project on monthly basis highlighting the critical areas where corrective actions are required. The Chairperson, CEA reviews monthly progress of the ongoing projects with the nodal officers. CEA also holds quarterly review meeting with the developers and other stakeholders.

Neither the PPMP nor the CEA monitor cases of irregularities by the companies working in the power sector.